

Remarks

The Office Action mailed June 22, 2005 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, Claims 9 and 14; and 29 and 40 have been amended to further clarify the present inventions and to correct minor technicalities. As such, Claims 9-28; and 29-54 remain in the case with the Examiner previously indicating Claims 34 and 35 as being allowable if re-written in independent form.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to show the features of Claim 14, which describes a window latch, wherein one of an actuator arm and a locking arm includes a key lock receptor and the other includes a complementary key lock. This construction is shown in Figure 6A, for example. The actuator arm 26 - one of the actuator arm 26 and the locking arm 30 - includes a key lock 28. The locking arm 30 - the other of the actuator arm 26 and locking arm 30 - includes a key lock receptor 28'. Thus the claim reads on Figure 6A and it is respectfully submitted that no amendment to the drawings should be required.

The drawings were also objected to as failing to include reference character "56". The specification has been amended to delete references to this character to which the Office Action objects which was unintentionally included.

The Examiner rejected Claims 9-54 under 35 U.S.C. 112(2), requesting that the claims be amended to remove the limitation describing the support wall as extending across "the center of" the housing. The claims have been so amended to overcome that objection.

Claims 9-14, 17-32, 36-40, and 43-54 were rejected as anticipated by Chaput. Claims 9 and 29 have been amended to describe the support wall as rigid and thus render the rejection over Chaput moot. Chaput describes its walls 23 and 25 as "elastic so that the projection 21 snaps into the open and locked position." Column 3, lines 52-53. The Chaput walls are flexible fingers that contact either side of the cam and provide the detent function.

The claimed structure of the present inventions enables use of lightweight, durable materials, as explained in detail in the original application at Page 11, line 9 to Page 13, line 23, and elsewhere. One of ordinary skill would not rigidify the walls of Chaput lest the projection 21 on the cam 11 would not snap lock into the open and closed positions. Thus, to modify the "walls" of Chaput for support would prevent the fingers from moving and destroy their intended

function. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 9 and 29, as amended, and their dependents are allowable over Chaput in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Claims 9-14, 17-32, 36-40, and 43-54 were rejected as obvious over Mosch in view of Chaput. This rejection also appears moot in view of the amendments to Claims 9 and 29.

Accordingly, Counsel for the Applicant submits that by this amendment he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,



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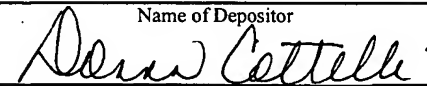
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